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Patriotism Despite Adversity:

The National Japanese American Memorial to Patriotism and World War II

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Welcome from the Superintendent

Welcome to National Mall & Memorial Parks, where America and the world come to reflect, honor, and celebrate. This public promenade features architectural tributes and designed landscapes that underscore the American experience. Freely approach our uniformed park staff and volunteers who are here to help answer your questions. Page through this newspaper to find out more about the many fascinating Ranger led interpretive programs offered throughout the park. The cultural and natural treasures in our nation’s capital are here for you to enjoy. Reflect, honor, and celebrate as you enjoy Ranger programs, beautiful vistas, and historic places in the heart of the Nation’s Capital. Have a wonderful experience here at National Mall & Memorial Parks.

Peggy O’Dell

Superintendent  
National Mall & Memorial Parks

December 7<sup>th</sup>, 1941 - “a date which will live in infamy.”  
President Franklin Delano Roosevelt

After Japan attacked Pearl Harbor, distrust of Japanese-Americans ran high in the United States. President Roosevelt issued Executive Order 9066 on February 19, 1942, allowing military commanders to designate “military areas”, “from which any or all persons may be excluded.” As a result, 120,000 Japanese-American men, women, and children were removed from their homes and sent to one of ten internment camps in Arizona, California, Utah, and Wyoming.

They were only allowed to take the clothes on their backs, with many losing everything they owned. Families were separated, twenty-five people were packed into housing that should have held only four, and barbed wire and armed guards surrounded every camp. If someone tried to escape, they were shot.

Despite the conditions imposed on Japanese-Americans, thousands volunteered to fight. Thirty-three thousand enlisted to fight and help decode Japanese communications. The 442<sup>nd</sup> Regimental Combat Team, comprised entirely of Japanese-



Americans, proved their loyalty by accepting some of the more demanding missions of the war. Eight hundred died in service fighting a war to secure the freedoms of people around the world, while their own country had denied them theirs.

About the Memorial:

The National Japanese American Memorial to Patriotism During World War II honors the 120,000 men, women, and children of Japanese ancestry who were interned by the government and who, despite this injustice, fought courageously for their country.

Dedicated on November 9, 2000, the memorial is located at the intersection of New Jersey and

Louisiana Avenues, and D Streets, NW.

Etched on granite walls are quotations by Japanese-Americans who lived through the war, the locations of the ten internment camps, and 800 names of those who gave their lives. A cascading pool contains five boulders that represent the islands of Japan. It also represents the generations of persons of Japanese ancestry living at the time of the memorial dedication.

The focal point of the memorial is a tall pedestal with two large cranes. The cranes, the national bird of Japan, have barbed wire encircling them, symbolizing the people trying to break free from their confinement.



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Education Program



Washington, DC Janney Elementary School visited National Mall & Memorial Parks, October 2003

National Mall & Memorial Parks offers a wide variety of education programs to fit school curricula. Students come to the park to learn more about the founding fathers, George Washington, Thomas Jefferson, and George Mason. Those studying Abraham Lincoln and the Civil War visit Ford’s

Theatre, the Lincoln Memorial, and the African American Civil War Memorial. Students studying 20<sup>th</sup> century history visit the FDR Memorial, World War II Memorial, Korean War Veterans Memorial, and Vietnam Veterans Memorial to better understand this complicated century.

Washington, DC area 3<sup>rd</sup> grade students study the city’s history and development with the newly-created Benjamin Banneker program. After studying the life of this mathematician and astronomer, students get hands-on experience using historic reproduction surveying equipment. Washington, DC area 5<sup>th</sup> grade students see the First Amendment in action by preparing for and holding their own demonstration. Science students test the water at various sites to make conclusions about the treatment of the water. Art students visit the FDR Memorial to sketch statues while young math students count steps and flags and measure the length of the Reflecting Pool.

Education programs are free of charge but subject to availability. The ranger staff is eager to develop a program best suited for your needs, so if you have any suggestions, please feel free to contact us. We look forward to creating a memorable experience for your students!

For more information or to schedule a program, call Ranger Jen Epstein at 202-233-3556.

Children’s Programs

Sunday, January 27, 2008  
*FDR Birthday Program*

Visit rangers stationed throughout the memorial to learn more about President Franklin Delano Roosevelt, his work, his interests, his disability, and his dog! Earn dime stickers as you pass through the memorial and turn them in for a prize at the end! (1-4pm)

Sunday, February 17, 2008  
*Presidents Day Program*

Visit each of the presidential sites in honor of the holiday weekend, complete a brief activity sheet, and earn a prize! What better place to spend Presidents Day than on the National Mall!

Friday, February 22, 2008  
*George Washington Birthday Celebration*

*Visit our website for more information.*  
[www.nps.gov/nama](http://www.nps.gov/nama)

Volunteers in Park (VIP)



National Mall & Memorial Parks Volunteers

National Mall & Memorial Parks is seeking volunteers to assist the staff with visitor services and maintenance within the park. If you would like to volunteer with the National Park Service, please review the volunteer opportunities listed below. It is a great opportunity to inform, educate, and answer the many questions our park visitors have. In a short time, you will become an expert on the many resources National Mall & Memorial Parks has to offer. Volunteer uniforms, books, and training will be provided by the National Park Service. We would like volunteers to average 4 hours per week volunteering in the park.

Mall Operations:  
Volunteers work at one of the sites located within National Mall & Memorial Parks, answering questions and directing visitors around the city. At the Washington Monument, volunteers assist the staff in managing ticket lines, operate the elevator, and/or present interpretive programs down the monument steps. At Survey Lodge Ranger Station, volunteers assist the volunteer coordinator with office administration and/or staff the information desk. At the Lincoln, FDR, and Thomas Jefferson Memorials, volunteers present interpretive programs.

At the Korean War Veterans Memorial, Vietnam Veterans Memorial, and World War II Memorial, volunteers answer the phone, answer questions about the memorial and surrounding area, direct visitors around the city, present interpretive programs and assist visitors in locating names on the Honor Roll and/or on the memorial. Volunteers may also drive an information cart around the park and may conduct other tours as required. These include, but are not limited to, Mall walking tours and Cherry Blossom talks. At all sites, volunteers assist Park Rangers in the protection of resources. During special events like Veterans Day and Memorial Day, volunteers may assist in duties as directed by the National Park Service staff.

Old Post Office Tower:  
Volunteers will assist National Park Service staff in the operation and interpretation of the Old Post Office Tower. Volunteers may staff one of the information stations located at the entrance, tower, or in the exhibit area. This includes providing information and answering visitor’s questions of the Old Post Office Tower and providing directions to other

areas of interest in Washington, DC. Volunteers are also needed to assist in the library.

Maintenance:  
Volunteers assist in the maintenance of the park. Duties may include landscape work, minor tree pruning, gardening, staining park benches, painting, and general clean-up of the park. This activity is also available for groups that are looking for specific short term volunteer projects. Volunteers can also receive community service hours for these projects.

Please contact Ed Petru at 202-245-4688 or e-mail [Ed\\_Petru@nps.gov](mailto:Ed_Petru@nps.gov).

FREE Ranger Talks on your cell phone

It’s easy! Just call (202) 747-3420 to listen to National Park Service Rangers discuss various aspects of the Lincoln Memorial.  
  
NOTE: Please be respectful. No speakerphones within Memorials.





Cleaning the Lincoln Memorial

Resource Management responsibilities at National Mall & Memorial Parks are broad. Park natural resources range from the elm and cherry tree lined lawns of the National Mall to the waters in commemorative fountains throughout Northwest Washington. Cultural resources range from the smallest pin in the Vietnam Veterans Memorial collection to the broad cultural landscape stretching from the Lincoln Memorial to the U.S. Capitol.

The role of park resource managers is to identify and document natural and cultural

resources, plan for their continued preservation, and implement appropriate treatment. It may also include trying new, sustainable methods to maintain clear water such as raking out algae at Constitution Gardens Lake or using barley bales to promote beneficial microorganisms in the Reflecting Pool.

Whether you stroll on your own, or join others on a guided tour, enjoy the many spectacular resources of your national park in the heart of the nation’s capital.

Washington Monument Lodge

The Washington Monument Lodge was constructed conveniently near the Monument to support its maintenance staff and to serve as a waiting area and comfort station for visitors. The lodge was situated on the central axis between the Washington Monument and the U.S. Capitol, but its low profile maintained the prominent view.

Recent restoration work removed a non-historic addition from the rear of the lodge, cleaned and repointed the building’s exterior, and rehabilitated the interior for visitor services while retaining significant original features such as the interior terrazzo floor,

the original wooden doors, and the transom above the entrance. Re-opened on July 4, 2007, the Washington Monument Lodge now provides a ticketing outlet for the Washington Monument, a bookstore, and restroom facilities. When you visit the lodge today, you are continuing a tradition of use dating back to park visitors over 118 years ago.



Monument Lodge Today



Monument Lodge 1933

Ranger Led Walking Tour

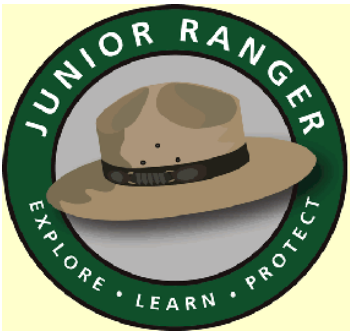
**Presidents Day**  
**Monday, February 18, 2008**  
*“A Plan Whol[l]y New”*

Discover the Washington, D.C. of the 1790s! Experience the capital as an emerging Federal City—just as George Washington would have seen it—and discover the fascinating personalities that Washington had dealt with to make his dream see the light of day.

scheme. The grand design very nearly failed to materialize.

For information on this three-hour tour, contact Park Rangers Michael Kelly 202-359-2662 or Eric Pominville 202-359-7040. For information about time and meeting place, please visit our website closer to Presidents Day: [www.nps.gov/nama](http://www.nps.gov/nama).

Junior Ranger Program



Hey Kids! As a Junior Ranger you can help National Parks in many ways: learn park history, stay safe, keep the park litter free, tell others what you have learned, and continue learning more about other National Parks!

Ask a National Park Ranger for an activity booklet, fill out all the activities and receive a National Mall & Memorial Parks Junior Park Ranger badge!

Recommended for children ages 7-12.

Department of the Interior Museum—Special Exhibit

**The Vietnam Veterans Memorial: America Responds**  
**November 9, 2007 – May 30, 2008**

The Interior Museum presents an exhibition commemorating the twenty-fifth anniversary of the dedication of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial. Each day, visitors leave personal and special objects that are collected by National Park Service staff. The Interior Museum, the National Park Service, and the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Fund worked together to tell the amazing story of how the Memorial was created and to share gifts left at the Memorial for lost loved ones.

The museum is open to the public and is located in the Main Interior Building at 1849 C Street N.W. Each adult must have photo identification, no fee or reservations required.

**Hours:** Monday - Friday (8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.) except Federal holidays, and the third Saturday of every month (1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.)  
**Tours:** Third Saturday of every month at 2:00 p.m.

For more information call (202) 208-4743 or visit: [www.doi.gov/interiormuseum](http://www.doi.gov/interiormuseum).

National Mall & Memorial Parks Trivia

1. What President died on December 14, 1799?
2. Who are the only two Presidents to sign the Constitution?
3. Currently, how many Presidents are portrayed on United States paper currency in circulation? (\$1,\$2,\$5,\$10,\$20,\$50, \$100)
4. Who is the only President never to be married?
5. Who was the tallest President?
6. Who was the youngest elected President?
7. Who is the first President to appear on television?
8. Who are the only Presidents buried at Arlington National Cemetery?

Answers on Page 4





Daily Ranger Programs

Join National Park Service Rangers to learn more about the meaning, symbolism, and significance of the park’s many memorials. No prior signup is required and all programs are free. Program length varies. For more information contact a Park Ranger at each memorial.

Programs are offered at the following memorials...

- World War II Memorial
- Lincoln Memorial
- Thomas Jefferson Memorial
- Franklin Delano Roosevelt Memorial
- Vietnam Veterans Memorial
- Korean War Veterans Memorial

Scheduled Programs are presented at:

- 11:00 a.m.
- 1:00 p.m.
- 3:00 p.m.
- 5:00 p.m.

\*\*Additional programs on request.



Park Partners

Want to learn more about the National Mall & Memorial Parks? Eastern National, a park partner, operates four bookstores throughout the park. The bookstores are located at:

Lincoln Memorial  
Open 9:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Thomas Jefferson Memorial  
Open 9:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Franklin Delano Roosevelt Memorial  
Open 9:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Washington Monument Lodge  
Open 8:30 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.



“Monuments, and reservations, which purpose is to conserve the scenery and the natural and historic objects and the wildlife therein and to provide for the enjoyment of the same in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations.”

National Park Service Organic Act

-August 25, 1916-

- Answers to Trivia from page 3
1. George Washington
  2. George Washington and James Madison
  3. 5: Washington (\$1), Jefferson (\$2), Lincoln (5), Jackson (\$20), and Grant (\$50)
  4. James Buchanan
  5. Abraham Lincoln
  6. John F. Kennedy was elected at the age of 43 years 237 days. Theodore Roosevelt became President at the age of 42 years 322 days after William McKinley died.
  7. Franklin Delano Roosevelt, April, 1939
  8. John F. Kennedy and William Howard Taft

The Washington Monument

Open daily (except July 4 and December 25). Monument Lodge opens at 8:30a.m. All persons who wish to visit the Monument must have a ticket. One person may pick up to six tickets.

Free timed tickets may be obtained in two ways:

- Tickets may be picked up at the Washington Monument Lodge (located at the base of the Monument along 15<sup>th</sup> Street) on a *first come - first serve* basis, the morning of your visit.
- Tickets may be reserved ahead of time by visiting [www.recreation.gov](http://www.recreation.gov) or by calling 1-877-444-6777 (for individuals) or 1-877-559-6777 (for large groups).\*



\*Note: Groups may only make reservations by calling 1-877-559-6777. Reserved tickets are often booked 30 days ahead of time during peak times (spring, summer, weekends, and holidays). Please plan accordingly. All reserved tickets carry a \$2 surcharge.

Ford’s Theatre NHS

The evening of April 14, 1865, has forever been marked with tragedy. On that night, our 16th President, Abraham Lincoln, was assassinated in Ford’s Theatre by actor John Wilkes Booth. Just days after General Lee’s Confederate troops were surrendered at Appomattox Court House,

VA, a time of hope and peace in Washington and around the country turned to a period of mourning that America had never seen before.



Ford’s Theatre is closed for renovations. Petersen House is open daily 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Old Post Office Tower NHS

The Old Post Office, built between 1892 and 1899, is home to the Bells of Congress, which were a gift from England on our Nation’s Bicentennial. From the observation deck, located 270 feet above the street level, the visitor can get a spectacular view of our nation’s capital.

Operating Hours

**Summer:** Begins 1st weekend in June through Labor Day, 9:00 a.m. - 7:45 p.m. (Monday through Friday) Saturday, Sunday and Holidays 10:00 a.m. to 5:45 p.m.

**Winter:** (Labor Day through Memorial Day): 9:00 a.m. - 4:45 p.m. Monday through Saturday. Sunday 10:00 a.m. to 5:45 p.m.



For more information call (202) 606-9686.